# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

## SB 860 - HB 1275

March 4, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes an individual who was convicted of a crime after November 1, 1989, and received parole and was pardoned by the Governor, to petition the court for an expunction of the individual's criminal record.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 1103 of 2012 authorized certain Class E felony and misdemeanor offenders convicted on or after November 1, 1989, and certain offenders convicted of felonies and misdemeanors prior to November 1, 1989, to petition the court for expunction of their criminal records every two years. The fiscal impact of this public chapter was based on approximately 95,856 expunction requests each year and 50 percent of those requests would be able to pay the \$350 fee to have his or her record expunged resulting in significant increases to state and local revenue in FY12-13 and increasing in FY13-14.
- It is unknown how many individuals who are not currently eligible will be able to petition for expunction of their criminal records as a result of the proposed legislation.
- It is estimated that any increase in expunction requests as a result of this legislation by individuals who can pay the required fee will be minimal and will not significantly increase the costs incurred to process the requests or the fee revenue generated.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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